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U.S. Patents 4,024,175 and 4,087,544 disclose Gabapentin and processes for its preparation as hydrochloride and sodium salts.

U.S. 2003/0009055, U.S. 6,465,689, U.S. 5,091,567, WO 02/44123, WO 02/34709, WO 00/01660, WO 99/14184 and EP 1174418 disclose conversion of Gabapentin hydrochloride to a corresponding free amino acid by basic ion-exchange neutralization, followed by crystallization.

U.S. 4,894,476 discloses a method for converting the hydrochloride salt of Gabapentin into a crystalline monohydrate by eluting the aqueous solution through a basic ion-exchange resin to produce a slurry to which an alcohol is added.

U.S. 5,132,451, 5,095,148, 5,091,567 and 5,068,413 disclose hydrogenation of a cyano intermediate to liberate the free amino acid.

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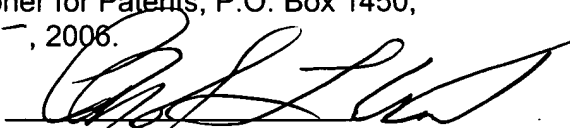
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